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"I LOVE THEM THAT LOVE ME; AND THOSE THAT HATE ME EARLY  
SHALL HATE ME."—*Prov. viii. 17.*

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TO

THE CHILDREN

WHOSE MERRY THOUGHTS AND WORDS

HAVE OFTEN GLADDENED MY HEART,

THESE GRAVER THOUGHTS

ARE IN RETURN

GRATEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY

Dedicated.

J. B.

## NOTICE

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THE writer of this little book, an attached member of the Church of England, is desirous that it should appear under the sanction of a Minister of that Church. Such sanction I gladly and cordially give it. The Poems, though some of them are perhaps rather beyond the capacity of young children, will, in general, be found useful to them, and they will be valued by Christian Parents for the simplicity with which they set forth some of the great principles of our holy religion.

“Dim or unheard, the words may fall,  
And yet the heaven-taught mind  
May learn the sacred air, and all  
The harmony unwind.”

JOHN PURTON.

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*The Love of Christ.*

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY  
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS."—John xv., 13.

You often hear of Jesus, dear,  
But do you love Him too?  
He left His Father's happy home,  
And came to die for you—  
That home where sorrow never comes,  
Where sin is all unknown,  
Where angels fly to do His will,  
And worship round His throne.

He came into this world of sin,—  
Oh, what a change from heaven!  
Such love no earthly friend can give  
As Jesus Christ has given.

He took the nature of a child,  
And childish sorrows knew ;  
Was scourged, and suffered cruel wrong,  
And death itself, for you.

Yes, for your sins He bore the cross,  
Though not for your's alone,  
A mother loves each little child  
As if she had but one ;  
And so the Saviour loves us all  
With more than mother's love,  
And died that we might live with Him  
In His own home above.

Oh, wonderful, most wonderful,  
The love of Christ our Lord !  
For ever, and for ever, be  
His blessed name adored !  
Let us, then, love Him fervently,  
And freely give Him all,—  
Our time our talents, and our hearts,  
Our best, however small.

